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January 24, 2014

CORA Meeting

LTBB Odawa Hotel is the designated meeting place for all 2014 meetings. Holding meetings in Petoskey will cut travel cost for all tribes.

1. Chairman Kiogima welcomed all attending. LTBB NRD, NRD Commission and four tribal council were in attendance.
2. D. Johnson LTBB NRD Commission spoke on Indian Sensitivity Training for State DNR and for the Coast Guard. It has been done in the past. Chairman Kiogima and D Johnson will try and location the information and it is believe there is a video.
3. Election of officers for CORA were held. Attorney Candi Tierney for Bay Mills elected as CORA attorney she has been in the position for several years.
4. Budget and financials were presented by the CORA staff. Staff hasn't had a raise for over 8 years. They purchased a new furnace for \$7,000. Discussion was held on budgets and investments.
5. McKay Bay all dock did not get cleared. This can cause damage to boats and the docks from the weather and ice. Coast Guard wants to know how many vessels are register with CORA. Tribes need people as certified inspectors and Coast Guard will provided training. Coast Guard believe we should require certain dress codes. Question: have all our MOU's been signed?
6. LRB Jim Mitchell went to DC Whitehouse conference on fishing.
7. SSM Chairman A. Payment gave testimony on Trust Relation with Tribes while in DC.

8. Has NRD done their priority list?

10. Trap net concerns with law enforcement.

11. Army Corp of Engineers on the Carp situation. They will give the results of their study but won't make any recommend on what should be implemented. I guess that has to be done by others.

12. State may change the age for youth to hunt.

13. CORA had a draft resolution presented on Opposition to Transport ion of Diluted Bitumen and other Heavy Petroleum Products in the Great Lakes.

Thanks to the Tribe for allowing me to attend. It is a very worthwhile organization the access all Michigan Tribes through work together for the good all Tribes futures while protecting our treaty rights.

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RESOLUTION #

**OPPOSITION TO TRANSPORTATION OF DILUTED BITUMEN AND OTHER
HEAVY PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN THE GREAT LAKES**

WHEREAS, The Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority exists for the purpose of managing the fishery resource under the Treaty of 1836, 7 Stat. 491, through regulation of treaty fishing activity by members of the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the right to fish under the 1836 Treaty is dependent upon the ability of the Great Lakes and inland ecosystems to support viable and stable fish stocks; and

WHEREAS, the physical properties of diluted bitumen derived from tar sands petroleum deposits such as those being mined in Alberta, Canada, and any heavy petroleum products (heavy petroleum) that sink in water are exceptionally difficult to remediate when spilled in fresh water; and

WHEREAS, a network of petroleum product and natural gas pipelines of various ages and dubious integrity exist in the Great Lakes including some that may be transporting diluted bitumen as evidenced by the spill that occurred from an Enbridge Inc. pipeline in the Kalamazoo River watershed in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Enbridge Inc. Line 5 extends through the 1836 Treaty-ceded lands of Michigan and beneath the Straits of Mackinac in an especially sensitive and vulnerable area; and

WHEREAS, diluted bitumen may hasten corrosion of steel pipelines leading to spills;

WHEREAS, there are proposals to transfer diluted bitumen and/or crude oil from pipelines to vessels for transportation across the Great Lakes and connecting channels; and

X WHEREAS, the use of rail cars and tanker trucks to transport crude oil to refineries in the Great Lakes region has increased greatly in recent years and accidents have led to the loss of lives and damage to the environment; and

WHEREAS, spills of diluted bitumen and/or other heavy petroleum products in the Great Lakes region threaten the health of people, the health of the ecosystem and the livelihood of tribal members engaged in commercial fishing activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority hereby states its unqualified opposition to the transport of diluted bitumen and heavy petroleum products by any means across or through the Great Lakes, their connecting channels or watersheds.

AND, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that CORA urges the governments of the United States, Canada and the Great Lakes states and provinces to prohibit transport of diluted bitumen and heavy petroleum products by any means across or through the Great Lakes, their connecting channels or watersheds.

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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Chairman of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly called, noticed and convened meeting on the ____ day of ____

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